

I am concerned about the BPL proposal because of the potential for interference to my hobby as a radio amateur operator. I have just moved to a community that imposes restrictions on outside antennas and am limited to dipoles and similar types of antennas in my attic. If the BPL rules become law, then I fear that the interference that may be associated with the system will render whatever antennas I have useless. Beyond that, I haven't seen nor heard a great demand for additional broadband services for Internet access and wonder if this isn't something similar to HDTV where first a system is created hoping a demand will follow. I also wonder if once a system is allowed to be put in place, would the power companies then be allowed to boost the power to overcome other types of interference to their system rather than protecting the frequencies we use as amateur radio operators now. If the system does interfere with us as radio operators, would the FCC impose tighter restrictions upon the power companies to allow me to continue to use my radios? Would the use of MY radios have the same weight for protections as the power companies would have once the system is online? Please do not allow this to go into affect without further study and more stringent restrictions to protect the resources available to me now.